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Registration Now Open for 2015 High School Counselor Workshop

Money in the Mitten – Communicating the Financial Aid Process to Students and Families

The 2015 High School Counselor Workshop (HSCW) will take place on Friday, October 23rd from 8:00 a.m to 12:30 p.m. Registration for the Workshop is now open. To register, [Click here](#).

HSCW will provide high school guidance counselors and college access professionals with 2015-16 Federal and State regulations and guidelines pertaining to student financial aid application procedures and programs. The training will include various topics to provide resources and information pertaining to the change from ACT to SAT, effective and innovative strategies for promoting financial aid, understanding college costs and college options, and the impact of educational financial resources and encouraging a college-going culture in Michigan. This free training is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Treasury-Student Financial Services Bureau in partnership with the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association (MSFAA) and will be hosted at 35 locations across the State of Michigan. We hope you will consider taking advantage of this opportunity to learn more about student financial aid programs. As in the past, we are seeking approval for this Workshop to meet the requirements for State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH) via partnership with Grand Valley State University.

SFSB Webinar Series - Build a Plan to Pay for College

We know students and their families are seeking guidance about how to make a financial plan for college. This month, the Student Financial Services Bureau, within the Michigan Department of Treasury, and Sallie Mae® are partnering to offer a free webinar, "College Planning Calculator: Build a Plan to Pay for College." The webinar is designed to help Michigan students, families, high

school counselors and college access professionals build a financial plan for college using Sallie Mae's® easy-to-use tool, College Planning CalculatorSM.

College Planning Calculator Webinar and Demonstration

Hosted by the Student Financial Services Bureau and Sallie Mae®:

Wednesday, May 27, 2015
2:00 to 2:30 p.m. EST

[Register here](#)

May is Foster Care Month

May is National Foster Care Month, an opportunity for all of us to consider what we can do to help increase success in education for students who have experienced foster care. Roughly 13,000 children and youth are in Michigan's foster care system. The Student Financial Services Bureau (SFSB) assists students that have experienced foster care by administering the Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS).

Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS) is a program through the State of Michigan driven by charitable donations that provides eligible foster youth with scholarship funds for tuition, fees, room/board, books, and supplies/equipment required for enrollment. While Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) administers the funds of FFS, Michigan Education Trust (MET) works with individuals, community organizations and businesses to encourage charitable donations for the program.

Fostering Futures Scholarship Recipient Spotlight



Passionique, Michigan State University Student

Passionique graduates from Michigan State University this May with a Bachelor degree in Social Work. Passionique's career goals are to work with children and families. "I want to help strengthen family dynamics, improve parental skills, and help support the family with any resource they may need to support their children's educational, physical and emotional needs."

Students who have experienced foster care often lack supportive role models. Passionique offers words of advice for professionals working with students from foster care. "Just be patient and understanding. Sometimes all it takes is for someone to show interest and be supportive. I have been lucky to have great teachers in my life that have been very supportive and understanding."

For more information or to download a Fostering Futures Scholarship application, please visit www.fosteringfutures-mi.com or contact Jennifer Maurer at 517-373-6051 or

MaurerJ3@michigan.gov.

If you are interested in financially supporting FFS, you can make a donation through MET's Charitable Tuition Program by visiting [Michigan Education Trust - Fostering Futures Charitable Contribution Web site](#).

Upcoming Events



Outreach staff will be at these upcoming events. If you have questions about these events (including times, specific locations, topics covered, etc.) please contact Chad Somerville at somervillec@michigan.gov

May 22nd

Fostering Success Michigan Statewide Summit
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

May 29th

Summer Teens-n-Community Expo
Westwood Mall
Jackson, MI
4 p.m.-7 p.m.
